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CULTIVATION, FERMENTED PLANT  
EXTRACT, FERMENTED PLANT  
EXTRACT POWDER, AND  
COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE  
EXTRACT OF FERMENTED PLANT

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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The reference BA listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 is cited in the Office Action mailed on October 3, 2007, from the Japan Patent Office on corresponding Japanese application No. 2007-050166.

A full translation of the reference BA is enclosed. A partial translation of the reference CB is enclosed.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 04-1105 in the amount of \$180.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 80246(302741). A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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